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# BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC

In The Matter Of Application Of	) )
EchoStar Communications Corporation,	)
General Motors Corporation, And Hughes	)
<b>Electronics Corporation</b>	)
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For Consent For A Proposed Transfer	
Of Control	NOV 1 5 2002
To: The Commission	**************************************

## NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

The National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC), by its attorneys and pursuant to the Commission's rules. hereby files this Notice of Appearance stating its intention to appear and participate in the hearing initiated by the Hearing Designation Order (HDO) in the above referenced proceeding. This Notice of Appearance is timely filed, and the hearing fee referenced in the HDO has been waived.

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<sup>2</sup> Hearing Designation Order, Application of EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation and Hughes Electronics Corporation, Transferor; and EchoStar Communications Corporation, Transferee, For Authority to Transfer Control, File Number 01-348, FCC 02-284 (released October 18, 2002) (HDO).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>47 CFR § 1.221(e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> HDO, ¶297. The instant Notice of Appearance is timely since it is being filed within 20 days of October 28, 2002, the mailing date of the HDO. *Id.* ¶¶292, 297. *See also* 47 CFR § 1.221(e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See HDO, ¶297; Public Notice, EchoStar - DIRECTV Merger (CS Docket No. 01-348) Fees For Participating in Hearin, DA 02-3173 (released November 14, 2002).

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Appearance of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative in the Matter of Application of EchoStar Communications Corporation, General Motors Corporation, and Hughes Electronics Corporation (CS Docket No. 01-348), was submitted to the Federal Communications Commission via hand delivery and served via courier and First Class Mail upon the following:

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